

UAH住房申请全攻略

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本文是在zixia的攻略基础上面改成，适用于Columbia Morningside Campus的同学。TC的同学和Medical School的同学的住房申请方法与Morningside Campus的同学不尽相同，请咨询有关的师兄师姐。

在大家收到的official mail中，有一份是关于Housing information的，上面会告诉你申请住房的网址和deadline。在这里，我们向大家推荐学校UAH的房子。由于纽约的特殊情况，住房非常难找，而UAH的房子在哥大周边算是性价比非常高的房子，而且相对更加安全，大家在不能100%的保证能自己找到房子的情况下，最好还是申请UAH。

1. 选择住房类型

(1) Dorm

Dorm简单地说，就是5-12个人共同住在一个Suite里面，每个人（或两个人）有自己单独的卧室，共用起居室、厨房和洗手间。Dorm的优点就是比较便宜，学校的电话、Ethernet、家具都是准备好的，而且电话的座机费和Ethernet都是免费的，而且一个Suite里面住的人很多，很热闹。缺点就是太多人共用厨房和洗手间，而且一个Suite里面男女都有，有时候（尤其是夏天）不是非常方便，而且做饭也不是很方便（当然，如果你决心要自己做饭，肯定也是可以的，就是厨房会比较拥挤）。还有，Dorm管理得很严，不能随便带人去住。dorm的公共地方是有人打扫的，像卫生间，厨房。具体而言，Dorm又分以下两类：

a. shared dorm-style semi-private

翻译一下就是共享公用设施的半私人寝室，也就是两人共处一室。屋子相对单人房会较大，一间屋子里面会有两套家具，两部电话。此类房子的优点是便宜，大概一个人一个月500\$-600\$左右，缺点就是两个人会比较容易彼此干扰，没有个人的privacy。如果各位不是很在乎受他人影响，或者不很在乎私人空间，而希望租金尽量便宜的，可以考虑申请。不过这类房子似乎不是很多。

b. shared dorm-style private

此类住房的设施和上面a类的几乎一致，唯一的差别就是一个人单独住一间房。这种private的dorm一般而言比semi-private的要小，而且价格要贵些，一个人一个月600-700\$左右。如果各位想拥有私人空间，希望房租不是很贵，又不经常自己做饭的话，那么此类应该是最佳的选择。

(2) Shared Apartment

Shared Apartment就是那种公寓式的住宅，有2-bedrooms, 3-bedrooms, 4-bedrooms 三种类型，每个人住一间屋子，共用厨房、洗手间和客厅。Shared Apartment的优点是：share的人少，起居生活会比较方便，而且做饭非常方便，比较有“家”的感觉。缺点是，价格比Dorm要贵些，一般一个人一个月房租在700-800\$，而且电话费和Ethernet的费用都要另交，并且家里的卫生必须自己打扫，没有管理员会来打扫。Apartment一开始都是没有电话的，需要自己找公司安装，有些Apartment还没有Ethernet，也需要自己找公司去安装。Apartment share还分成两种，有家具的（Furnished）或者没有家具的（Unfurnished）。有家具的房子一般每月房租比没有家具的要稍贵10-50\$，不过一般大家还是都选择有家具的。一方面因为初来纽约，有家具的房子可以直接入住，比较方便，而没有家具的房子还要先弄家具才能入住。另一方面是因为如果花很多钱买家具不值得，以后搬家又要卖掉或者扔掉，如果不愿意花钱买而去路边捡别人扔的家具，生活质量会下降很多，也不划算。

申请Apartment可以选择和谁一起住，如果几个人关系很好，那住一起挺好的。

(3) Studio 和 One Bedroom Apartment

这两类房子一般是给couple住的，一个人住未免太奢侈了些，每个月的房租大概是1000-1200\$甚至更高。它们共同的特点是：独门独户，不跟别的人share。Studio就是一间大的屋子带一个厨房一个卫生间，One bedroom apartment是一间卧室，一间起居室带一个厨房一个卫生间。也是分Furnished和Unfurnished。

2. 选择合住者

申请Apartment和Semi-private dorm都可以选择合住者，只要在填住房申请的时候，希望合住的同学把彼此的名字写在自己的申请表的Comment里面，UAH的人会尽可能地安排让你们合住。

3. 申请住房

网址 <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ire>

ID: housing

Password: ?? (会在你们的Housing information的信里)

申请住房时会让你选择Direct Assignment还是In person selection，一般都是选择Direct assignment，因为大家都在中国，没有办法去美国自己亲自选房子，只好信赖一下UAH的工作人员了。当然，他们只是“尽可能”地满足大家的希望，并不能完全满足，如果到了哥大之后，觉得对自己的房子不满意，还可以申请Transfer。

申请住房时还有一项是问你prefer Co-ed的还是single sex的房子。这里的Co-ed的意思是男女同住的房子。大家根据自己的情况选择。☺

另外，大家提交申请之后的第二天应该能够收到UAH的Confirmation Email。如果没有收到UAH的email，最好还是重新提交一次。

4. 押金和房租

如果选择了Direct Assignment，大概是7月上旬到中句的时候，UAH会给你分好房子，并且会写Email通知你，里面有申请到的住房的信息，包括地址、房型、房租、设施、roommate信息等等，然后会要求在7月中下旬交付押金和首月房租，一般都是在1,000刀以上。需要写好汇票寄过去。

5. 关于 I-House

International house在Riverside Drive, 123th Street那里，是专门给International Student的房子，国际学生办公室ISSO也在那里。I-House的优点是：社交活动很多，可以认识很多外国朋友，周围环境很好，毗邻Riverside Park, Sakura Park和General Grant Memorial，风景优美。缺点是：房子比较小，比较贵，不能做饭，离学校比较远，管理比较严，出入需要证件，这意味着你很难把房子转租出去，如果暑假回国会很麻烦。而且I-House和UAH是两个系统，不能transfer，这样如果你对IH的房子不满就很难换到合适的房子。因此我们不推荐I-house。

6. 其他

如果没有资格申请UAH的房子或者暂时处于UAH的Waiting list上面，则需要考虑其他的住房选择。下面这篇文章介绍了除了UAH之外的其他住房选择，包括summer housing options，也供大家参考。

Additional housing options except UAH

As for housing options in Columbia, we strongly recommend you to apply for UAH housing. It is safer and relatively cheaper. For those who are not eligible for UAH housing or who are currently on the waiting list, following are some additional housing options:

1. On-campus housing

Keep tracking your position in the waiting list of UAH and try to get a on-campus housing as soon as possible.

2. International Housing

You can rent a room in International Housing, maybe for several days, from UAH. Short introduction of International House (I-House):

UAH has made a special arrangement to lease 100 single rooms in International House, a private residence located at Riverside Drive and 122nd Street. To apply for rooms in I-House: Students must be 21 years of age or older; and they must fully complete both the UAH and I-House applications. The I-House application cannot be submitted online and must be mailed directly to the UAH Office. Note: Students are also strongly encouraged to apply directly to International House by contacting the office at 212-316-8400 or visiting the Web site at: <http://www.ihouse-nyc.org>. I-House may directly accept students who have not received UAH approval.

3. Off-campus housing office

The Off-Campus Housing Assistance is located at 419 W 119th Street. The link for off-campus housing office is

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ire/ocha/index>. You can go to the office and register for off-campus housing hunting. Also, you can find some apartment hunting tips and links on this website, which may be useful. Short introduction to using Online Resources: The UAH Web site link to the Off-Campus Registry: <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ire/ocha>, has further links to numerous other online resources including, The Village Voice, one of the best publications available for apartment hunting. Each week The Voice has a variety of apartment listings, including sublets which may be good options for short term rentals (less than twelve months). The Voice is published on Wednesdays; if you want to beat the crowd, you may access its listings Tuesday afternoon on the Internet at <http://www.villagevoice.com/classifieds>.

4. Go to www.columbiabbs.com, house board

You may find a lot of useful information there and also post your own apartment hunting requirement.

5. Use CUCSSA mailing list

You can post your apartment hunting message to all the Chinese students in this mailing list.

To post a message to this mailing list, you can send your plain text only email to cucssa@columbia.edu, with a short and descriptive subject for your message. Please do not send any HTML-formatted message, attachment, or message longer than 20 lines when wrapped at 80 characters

per line.

6. Use the website: www.craigslist.com

Excellent resource for long or short-term housing options. Free to search or list.

7. Check listings in The New York Times

The New York Times has daily apartment listings and an extensive "Residential Real Estate" classified ads section on Sundays. The Sunday edition can be bought at newsstands on Saturday evening, or found at: <http://www.nytoday.com/realestate>.

8. Watch for posters in the Columbia neighborhood.

Keep your eye out for signs on bus stop shelters, lamp posts, and local bulletin boards. People with apartments to rent and space for roommates often advertise in these places.

9. Additional summer housing options

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ire/sublease/subregistry.html>

University Apartment Housing (UAH) Subletting Database – Students, faculty or staff who are living in UAH housing can sublet their room/apartment long or short term. It is open to the public to search. Just click on "I am looking for an apartment to sublet. How do I view the listings of apartments or rooms available for subletting on line?" and follow directions to search.

www.nyu.edu/summer/housing

Click on "Summer Housing". New York University has dorm rooms to rent for the summer. Open to the public.

www.studenthousing.org

Check out their Web site or call the student housing hotline at 1-800-297-4694. They may have furnished rooms available in either their two buildings in Brooklyn or in their three buildings in Manhattan.